

Dear Chairs Haskell and Elliot, Vice Chairs Turco and Flexer, Ranking Members Haines and Witkos, and members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee,

My name is Isabella. I am a resident of New Haven and a student at Yale University. I would like to express my strong support for HB 6374, An Act Concerning Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses.

As a college student, I want to be able to feel safe on my campus. The campus climate survey requirement and amnesty policy will help me feel this way by creating an environment where I can feel safe to report an incident and where I know my school and city understand the latest trends and concerns relating to sexual misconduct on my campus.

13% of all students experience sexual violence during their time in college. College campuses are supposed to be places for people to grow and learn, not where they should fear for their safety.

This bill will help address the horrible issue of sexual violence on college campuses by allowing universities to understand the problem they need to address. This will facilitate more effective policies. The bill will also help bring more perpetrators of sexual violence to justice.

I strongly support HB 6374, An Act Concerning Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses, and urge you to favorably vote the bill out of the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Sincerely,
Isabella Marin
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